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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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**AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the August 14, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

✓ Please replace claims 2 and 13 as follows:

2. (Three Times Amended) An optical filter that is provided at an optical path between a photoelectric converter, which converts a subject image formed at a light-receiving surface thereof to an electrical signal, and an optical system which forms the subject image with a light flux from the subject at said photoelectric converter, to filter the light flux, comprising:

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a plurality of filter layers that are laminated along a direction of an optical axis of the light flux that passes through the optical filter, the plurality of filter layers including at least a first filter layer and a second filter layer which are laminated with each other;